Category-wise break-up in patent granted	
Natural products	07
Drugs and Pharmaceutical	04
Material	03
Devices (electronics, mechanical, etc.)	02
Diagnostic/treatment methods	03
Nanotechnology (Materials, devices)	01
Chemicals (includes fertilizers)	02
Engineering	-
Others	-
TOTAL:	22

(d) Criteria adopted for selecting application for filing patents in USA in respect of DST and CSIR are given as under:

CSIR: The methodology adopted for selection of IP is done pro-actively in a two-tier mode. In each laboratory, there is an IP Cell manned by an IP coordinator who interfaces between the scientists in the laboratory and the central operation called Intellectual property Management division, A publication and patent committee and/or Director at the laboratory level scrutinizes all the research publications and identifies intellectual property which could be protected by patents and other forms of IP. There is a close interaction between the CSIR labs and Intellectual Property Management Division to identify the leads that could be patentable.

DST: The inventing scientists are required to present their proposals for patenting abroad before an Advisory Committee set up by DST. The Committee has members from most of the scientific departments and the members have experience and expertise in different subject areas, besides having experience in handling patents' matters in their respective departments. The decision on whether to file a US application or not is taken on the basis of the recommendation of this Committee.

Scholarship to SCs and OBCs in Karnataka

2536. SHRI K.B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of scholarship provided to the SC and OBC students receiving pre-matric and post-matric scholarship in Karnataka;

(b) the number of SC students benefited during the last two years;

(c) the present annual income ceiling limit for giving pre/post matric scholarship to SCs; and

(d) whether Government propose to increase the rate and annual income ceiling limit for giving scholarships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Following amount of Central assistance was released for Scheduled Caste and OBC students during the last two years:

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Funds released 2004-05	Funds released 2005-06
1	Post Matric Scholarship for SC students	2699.58	2652.00
2	Pre-Matric Scholarship for unclean occupation	Nil	Nil
3	Post Matric Scholarship of OBC	248.45	Nil
4	Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC	Nil	Nil

(b) During 2004-05 and 2005-06 following SC students have been benefited in Karnataka under Post Matric Scholarship scheme:

(No. of beneficiaries)

2004-05	2005-06
154265	169690(anticipated)

(c) No income ceiling has been prescribed for award of scholarship under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship to the children of those engaged in unclean occupations.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to the students belonging to Scheduled Caste, an income ceiling of Rs 1.00 lakh has been fixed.

(d) The rate of Maintenance Allowance under the Pre-Matric Scholarship scheme for the children of those engaged in unclean occupation and Post

Matric Scholarships for Scheduled Castes were revised recently. The income ceiling limit under the Post Matric Scholarship scheme is revised after every two years to neutralize the increase in Price Index.

Construction of hostels for SCs/STs in Karnataka

2537. SHRI K.B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposal received from State for construction of hostels for SCs/STs during 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) the funds allocated/released and actually utilized in this regard by the State Government;

(c) the number of students benefited yearly under the scheme;

(d) whether there are any proposals pending with Government; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (e)

SC Hostel

During 2004-05, the Ministry received two separate proposals from the Government of Karnataka; one was for construction of **23 Boys hostels** to accommodate 1150 students with a financial implication of **Rs. 447.68 lakhs** towards central assistance and the other was for construction of **9 Girls hostels** with a total capacity of 950 inmates and having a central share of **Rs. 150 lakhs.** The proposals were considered and admissible central assistances were released to the Government of Karnataka during 2004-05 itself. As per the utilization certificate submitted by the Govt. of Karnataka, the released amount has been utilized for the purpose it was meant for.

Further, an incomplete proposal for release of central assistance of Rs. 378 lakhs and Rs. 222 lakhs respectively for construction of 21 Boys hostels and 12 Girls hostels was received from the Government of Karnataka during the year 2005-06. Necessary documents have been called for before processing these cases.